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PRIOR TO MEETING WITH VISITING CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CHIEFS OF
STAFF GENERAL BROWN, MORNING MARCH 28, THE SHAH CALLED ME IN
TO DISCUSS A COUPLE OF POINTS HE HAD RAISED WITH ME VIA
FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY ON MARCH 21 (TEHRAN 2491 AND
TEHRAN 2493). SINCE THE SHAH IS THE ULTIMATE DECISION
MAKER ON NUCLEAR POLICY, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF MENTIONING
BRIEFLY THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. THE SHAH RESPONDED THAT
HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS GUARANTEED ACCESS TO ENRICHED FUEL
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FOR HIS NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR NETWORK. IRAN, HE SAID, HAS
NO INTEREST IN ACQUIRING WEAPONS GRADE MATERIAL OR A NUCLEAR
WEAPONS CAPABILITY. HE NOTED THAT IRAN WAS SIGNATORY TO THE
NPT, THAT IT ADHERED TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS, THAT IT WAS WHOLE-
HEARTEDLY BEHIND EFFORTS TO LIMIT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION,
AND THAT IT HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN PROMOTING THE CONCEPT
OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. HE

WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT WE INTENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON
THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLES WHICH
DO NOT INVOLVE ACCESS TO WEAPONS USABLE MATERIALS BUT
WONDERED WHETHER THIS WOULD BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE. IN
HIS OPINION, HE SAID, THE FAST BREEDER REACTOR WAS THE
ONLY ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE SYSTEM ON THE HORIZON AT THE
MOMENT. HE ASKED THAT THE TALKING POINTS PREPARED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH RRFTEL BE LEFT WITH THE COURT WHICH I WILL
DO TODAY. WE MAY HAVE FURTHER COMMENT WHEN IT IS STUDIED
BY THE SHAH'S ADVISERS IN THIS FIELD.
MIKLOS UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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